IMPAIRED \$1,000,000 SURPLUS

Annual Reports Made During the Last Ten Years, at Least, Said to be False

FIRE INSURANCE CO. IRREGULARITIES

The Phoenix of Brooklyn Under Investigation-Matter Laid Before District Attorney for Possible Criminal Action-The Phoenix Has Not Been Examined Before for Nearly Twenty-Two Years-The President, George P. Sheldon, Critically Ill at His Home in Greenwich.

New York, Dec. 6.—The Phoenix Insurance company (Fire) of Brooklyn is under investigation for irregularities which it is believed have impaired its surplus at least \$1,000,000, and have resulted in conditions which Superintendent Hotchkies of the state insurance department laid before the district attorney today for possible criminal action.

Doubtful Securities Unleaded on the Company.

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It is charged that the president has everdrawn his salary, that he has unloaded doubtful securities on the company and that he has used the company's assets as collateral to secure his own personal speculative accounts. Nor do the directors escape their share of censure.

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In a formal statement issued tonight,
Mr. Hotchkiss says he does not believe
the capital of the company is impaired, and that thus far there is no evidence that its securities are not in-tact, but he admits that the present investigation is still uncompleted.

False Statements Annually, George P. Sheldon, a member of many clubs, as chairman of the laws and legal committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, one of the best known insurance men in the the best known insurance men in the country, has been president of the Phoenix since 1887, and it is charged that under his administration the annual reports of the company made to the insurance department during at least the last ten years and probably longer are false in more than one particular. Under the present law the insurance department is required to examine all life insurance companies at least once in every three years but at least once in every three years, but until the present investigation, Mr. Hotchkiss says the Phoenix has not been examined for nearly twent-two years, or since Mr. Sheldon became president.

Assets Put Up to Cover Stock Specula-

The insurance department finds that The insurance department finds that questionable securities originally sold to the company by Mr. Sheldon have year after year passed through "wash sales," by which they have been concealed in the annual report. Speculative accounts have been maintained by President Sheldon, according to Mr. Hotchkies, in at least one brokerage house, and the assets of the Phoenix have been put up as collateral to cover his operations. For some years the president's salary account has been overdrawn and is now paid up in full to October 1, 1910.

During the past seventeen years it

During the past seventeen years it is charged that members of the state insurance department whose duty it accepted collateral loans from it, made to them by President Sheldon in amounts varying from \$40,000 to \$100,-

Further Comment Unnecessary.

"These facts," says Mr. Hotchkies in his statement, "when read in connec-

PETITION OF NO-LICENSE ADVOCATES DENIED By Judge George W. Wheeler in the New Hartford Town Case.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 6.—Judge George W. Wheeler of the superior court today handed down a decision denying the petition of no-license ad-yocates asking for a temporary in-junction restraining the county comjunction restraining the county com-missioners from issuing licenses in the town of New Hartford. The injunc-tion was asked for on the ground that the election on October 4, when the town went license, was illegal, be-cause the proper notice of the vote on the license question had not hear sixthe license question had not been giv-

This afternoon Judge Wheeler heard chambers arguments on the legal-y of the license vote and reserved

REPORTED BY WIRELESS Red Cross Liner Rosalind Safe Off St. Johns, N. F.

St. Johns, N. F., Dec. 6.—Fears for the safety of the Red Cross liner Ro-salind, bound for this port from New York, via Hallfax, were dismissed tonight when the vessel, several days overdue, reported to her agents by wireless via Cape Race that she is about five miles off this port, hidden

in the dense fog.

It is considered doubtful if the Ro salind will attempt to thread the narrow channel up the harbor here to-night. The weather is very thick and the coast fog signals of little use to

COLD WAVE IN NORTHWEST. Thermometer Falls to Zero Along

Lake Superior. Superior, Wis., Dec. 6 .- The firs real cold wave of the season struck the head of the lakes region last night after a day of rainstorms. The ther-

meter dropped from nearly forty to

No One Legally Peaponsible for Death of Spencer Woodworth.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 6.—Coroner Higgins today handed down a find-ing in which he found no one legally responsible for the death on October 4 of Spencer Woodworth, who died without having received medical attention. In the decision the coroner rention. In the decision the coroner finds that Woodworth died from the effects of pneumonia superinduced by lack of medical attention and the eating of improper food, but as Woodworth voluntarily went without medipossible for his death.

Listened to Dry Testimony for Eleven

Boston, Dec. 6.—Twelve jurymen who have listened to dry testimony regarding contracts for nearly eleven weeks, at the trial of numerous steel companies and officials for alleged collusive bidding for city work, retired late this afternoon to digest the evidence. It is estimated that they have heard nearly two million words of testimony and accurate.

ery five years."

Directors Equally Responsible. Directors Equally Responsible.

The Phoenix Insurance company of Brooklyn is incorporated for \$1,500,000 and is credited with a surplus of \$1,-010,453. The directors are George P. Sheldon, Frank J. Logan, William J. Logan, John Cartiedge, George M. Hard, Edward C. Converse, George Ingraham, Benedict J. Greenhut and Charles F. Coster. Of their responsibility in the irregularities revealed, Mr. Hotchkiss says:

Mr. Hotchkiss says:
"In the judgment of the insurance department, the directors who have permitted him (President Sheldon) to do as he has done, are equally responsible to the public for the acts committeed. It might be said that the Phoenix Isurance company was really George P. Sheldon and that the di-rectors have seemingly never object-ed to his operations." Some of the Loans to Insurance De-

partment Officers. Among the loans to officers of the

following: following:

To James F. Pierce, during the period when he was state superintendent of insurance, loans aggregating \$29,500.

To Isaac Vanderpoel, during the period when he was chief examiner of insurance companies, loans aggregating \$190,600.

ing \$100,000.

To Robert H. Hunter, during the period he was first deputy superintendent of insurance, loans aggregating To William H. Buckley, during the

period he was third deputy superintendent of insurance, loans aggregating \$61,000. President Removed from Office.

It was announced tonight that at a meeting of the board of directors held today, President Sheldon was removed from office and that in his stead, F. W. T. Gray, formerly auditor of the Continent Insurance company, was elected president. President Sheldon Suffering

Ptomaine Poisoning. Greenwich, Conn., Dec. & George P. Sheldon, president of the Phoenix Insurance company of Brooklyn, is critically ill at his home here, The Maples. There was a consultation of physicians today and friends fear that

he may not recover. He is too ill to talk or even hear of business. Mr. Sheldon is suffering from inflammation of the muscular tissues of the heart which was brought on by ptomaine poisoning, following a dinner at a nearby country club.

SUPPRESSION OF SO-CALLED "WHITE SLAVE" TRAFFIC Drastic Penalties Prescribed in Repre sentative Mann's Bill.

Washington Dec. 6.—Suppression of the so-called "white slave" traffic has become the object of an increasingly powerful international movement to which President Taft has given much encouragement in his comments to those who have consulted him on the

This fact gives new importance to the re-introduction by Representative Mann of Illinois of his bill, prescrib-ing drastic penalties for those convict-

ed of the practices.

The bill would make it a crime for any person to aid, entice or force any female to go from one state to another for immoral purposes, whether with or without her consent; with a penalty of five years' imprisonment or a fine of \$5,000. If the girl be under the age of 18 years the penalty provided is ten years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

The bill also seeks to carry out the arrangement with foreign nations by which the keepers of immoral resorts are required to make complete reports to the commissioner general of immi-gration. That official is required to collate information concerning alien women of this class,

GOMPERS' PETITION GRANTED. Supreme Court Will Review Labor Leaders' Sentences for Contempt.

Washington Dec. 6.—The supreme court of the United States today granted the petition for a writ of certiorari in the contempt cases of Samuel Gompers, Frank Morrison and John Mitchell, officers of the American Federation of Labor, who were sentenced to terms of imprisonment. The effect of the decision will be to bring the eraftence of the decision will be to bring the eraftence. of the decision will be to bring the en-tire record in the Bucks Stove and Range case against these men to the supreme court for review.

SECOND CALHOUN TRIAL BEGUN San Francisco Trolley Head Charged with Offering Bribe.

San Francisco, December 6.—The second trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railroads, on the charge of offering ex-Supervisor John J. Furey a bribe of \$4,000, began this morning with examination of talesmen by District Attorney Langdon.

Coldest Day in Los Angeles in 32

Years. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 6.—Yesterday was the coldest day in Los Angeles in 32 years. The temperature fell to 41 degrees. In many places orchard owners fought frost with smudge fires

Our Supplies Stuck in Suez Canal, London, Dec. 6.—The British steam-ship St. Patrick, from New York, No-vember 11, for Manila, is reported aground in the Suez canal. She will be obliged to discharge her cargo, which is understood to be United States government supplies for the Philippines

Cabled Paragraphs.

Honolulu, Dec. 8.—The honorary commercial commissioners of Japan have arrived here on their return home have arrived here on their return home from a three months' tour of the United States. After a reception the delegates were taken about the island in automobiles. At the request of Japanese Consul Baron Shibusawa, the leader of the delegation, was guarded by a special detail of plain clothes men. This action was taken because of demonstrations here against Japanese by local Koreans following the recent assessination of Prince Ito.

BATHTUB MURDER MYSTERY. POVERTY AND FAMILY PRIDE

The Cause of All the Trouble, Says Attorney Franklin Fort.

New York, Dec. 6.—"Poverty and family pride have been the reasons for it all," said Franklin Fort, Jr., today in defense of his client, Miss Virginia Wardlaw, who is held at East Orange, N. J., charged with the murder of her niece, Mrs. Occy W. Snead. "You can get some idea of the flerce pride of these southern women when I tell you that from last Tuesday till Saturday Miss Wardlaw's sister and mother lived on loaves of bread until help was forced upon them.

"When I found that John Wardlaw, Princeton, 1877, was Miss Wardlaw's brother she implored me in her cell not to seek help from his friends.

"Don't,' she sobbed, 'let it be known that a sister of John Wardlaw was sent to fail accused of a crime,'"

Mrs. Henry S. Kane told the police today that Miss Wardlaw called at her house in answer to an advertisement and inquired about the terms of the rent and whether the house had a good sized bathtub. She wished to move in at night and insisted that none of the Kane family should visit the house after she had been given possession. The police think this information significant in view of the fact that Mrs. Snead's body was found in a half filled bathtub.

Nothing further has yet been learned

Nothing further has yet been learned of the whereaboute of Fletcher Snead, the missing husband, or of Mrs. Mar-tin, Miss Wardiaw's sister, and the mother of Mrs. Snead.

NO STRIKE OF BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD TRAINMEN President of the Organization Sends Telegram to President Taft.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—William G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, sent a telegram to President Taft, tonight, assuring the chief executive that reports concerning a general railroad strike are without foundation. The message follows:

"In order that yourself and the public may know the truth, I deem it necessary to state that the press reports, indicating that a strike of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and other affiliated organizations is threatened at this time as a result of the demands made for increased pay in the territory east of Chicago, are absolutely without foundation. Whatever action is taken by the organization I represent will depend entirely upon the individual expression of the members through the general committees for the railways in the territory and will be handled in the usual manner. The demands of the train employees in train and yard service east of Chicago cannot take proper form even for deliberate consideration between the railway officials and their employes before the early part of 1910.

"All this talk about a strike of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and affiliated organizations is absurd, and the membership of the organization fully realize it."

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BANKER CHARLES MORSE HAS LITTLE HOPE LEFT

Looks as if He Would Begin Serving Sentence About Dec. 16.

New York, Dec. 6.—All the hope left Charles W. Morse, the convicted banker, of escaping fifteen years in the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., has simmered down to a notice of motion for a new trial filed today with the Unit-ed States circuit court, the court of conviction. Martin W. Littleton, counsel for Merse, appeared before the court for his client immediately upon receipt of news of the decision of the United States supreme court denying Morse's application for a writ of certiorari.

Under the forty-day stay of sen-tence previously granted, ten days re-main in which counsel may seek a final adjudication of the case, in pur-suance of the notice of motion for a new trial filed today. Should the United States circuit court decide against him in this last instance, service of the sentence will begin at or on

ice of the sentence will begin at or on December 16. In the meantime, Morse remains in the Tombs.

Late today, a deputy United States marshal visited Morse at the Tombs, and served him with preliminary papers in a new suit, brought in the United States circuit court by J. Kearney Rice, as trustee in bankruptcy for the Consolidated Arizona Smelting company. ing company.

46 AMERICANS WITH ESTRADA. Captain Wilson, Returning, Tells How Cannon and Groce Were Caucht.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 6.—Forty-six Americans are fighting with the revo-lutionary forces in Nicaragua, accord-ing to Sea Capt. A. H. Wilson of General Estrada's army, who was in Lex-ington yesterday on his way home to Charleston, W. Va., from Central Am-

Wilson declares that Cannon and Groce, the two Americans who were shot by Zelaya, were regular mem-bers of the Estrada forces, and that they were captured in Costa Rica by treacherous natives after they had lost their way and become separated from their regiments. These natives, said Wilson, betrayed the Americans to the administrative forces, who shot down near Managua. who had them

Supreme Court Bench

Cincinnati, Dec. 6.—Judge Horace H. Lurton of the United States circuit court of appeals, who arrived here to-day from his home in Nashville, Tenn., said he had heard from high private said he had heard from high private sources that President Taft will nominate him for the United States supreme court bench, but that there was nothing official. "No correspondence has passed between the president and myself," he said. "I have not sought the position and if I do not get it I shall cheerfully continue to serve in the appellate court."

Peary Repeats His Story and Shows More Pictures.

York, Dec. Peary told again tonight the story of his discovery of the north pole in a lecture before the American Geographlecture before the American Geograph-ical society. Many of the pictures shown of the hardships endured after the start from Cape Sheridan were applauded. The last camp before the final stand at the nole showed the party making tea by converting ice and snow into bolling water on cylin-drical alcohol stower

Embezzled Bank's Funds

CHARGED WITH TAKING THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NEW HAVEN MAN ARRESTED

Robert D. Muir, Until Recently Treasurer of People's Bank and Trust Company-Unable to Secure Bail.

New Haven, Dec. 6 .- Robert D. Muir, mill recently treasurer of the People's Bank and Trust company, was arrested tonight, charged with embezzling \$35,000 of the bank's funds and placed under \$10,000 bonds, which up to a late hour tonight he had not been able to secure.

Discovery of the Crime.

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The taking of the bank's funds by Mair was brought to light when the controlling interest of the company changed hands, and at that time it was announced that the stockholders of the company lid made good a portion of the loss. The statement was made today by Muir that he would endeavor to make good the losses he had incurred. When the matter came to the attention of the state banking commissioners they brought the matter before the state attorney and he instructed the city attorney to issue a warrant for Muir's arrest, and his arrest followed tonight.

The Company Reorganizes.

The Company Reorganizes. Although the warrant charges Muir with taking \$35,000, it is understood that the original sum taken by him was in excess of \$115,000, but that the bank officials have secured in securities and money \$92,000 of the amount taken.

At the reorganization of the com-pany today, Joseph E. Hubinger was elected president. Muir Is 42 Years Old and Has a Family.

Muir is 42 years old and lives with his wife and two children at No. 698 Orange street. He is a native of Lincoln, Neb., and has been identified with the banking business since a boy, receiving his early training in a national bank in his home town. While with the Lincoln bank he was appointed an assistant bank examiner by the federal government, which position he gave up to become cashier of a Port Jervis, N. Y., bank, coming from that place to New Haven.

The arrest tonight was asked for by the state banking commissioners, no steps having been taken by the

no steps having been taken by the bank officials or the bond company, the latter not having been asked to make good to the extent of Muir's bond, \$20,-000, the losses sustained.

WANTED TO DIE.

Demented Man Carried Valise Con taining \$450,000 in Negotiable Paper.

Bellefentaine, O., Dec. 6.—H. A. Piedmore of St. Louis, carrying a valise in which there were \$450,000 of apparently negotiable papers, left a train from New York here today and announced in the railroad station that he would kill himself. He seemed demented. The police took him to a hospital and an examination exposed lately healed knife wounds on his neck

and arms.

Piedmore told the physicians that his associates in St. Louis had conspired to send him to an insane asylum and

take his property.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—None of the directories of this city give H. A. Piedmore as a resident of St. Louis. A hasty canvass of financial institutions also failed to reveal the identity of the

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Private advices indicated that the Bellefontaine visitor is Hector A. Piednoir, a lawyer and real estate dealer. Piednoir recently suffered a nervous breakdown and has been recuperating at Muldoon's farm near New York. His return to St. Louis was scheduled for today.

NO TIPS FROM PASSENGERS. Collector Loeb Dismissed Customs In-Spector Charles Nimmo-

New York, Dec. 6 .- "Not a man shall remain in this service who accepts a tip from a passenger," said Collector Loeb today, and in the next sentence he dismissed Charles Nimmo, a cus-toms inspector, who has been in the service since 1886.

"I am determined to break up that practice, and I want the public to know that not a cent need be paid to any employe of this port for any ser-vice the government pays its agents to perform," added the collector. The customs authorities learned that

Nimmo lent a pasenger sufficient mon-ey to pay duty on excess baggage and afterward went to the passenger shome

DIXIE SAILS FOR COLON. Has on Board the Expedition from the Prairie.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—The transport Dixie, with the 700 marines and all the transferred from stranded transport Prairie, passed out to sea early today on her way to Cen-tral America. Rear Admiral Kimball and the marines, who are bound for Colon, and may possibly be sent to Nicaragua, are three days behind the schedule set by the navy department. Another unsuccessful effort was made to float the Prairie at flood tide was to to the content of the c early today. It is probably that she will have to be dredged out by a suc-

That Eight Year Old Guggenheim Divorce.

tion dredge.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Hearing of arguments upon the legal competency of Grace B. Guggenheim, former wife of William Guggenheim, the New York financier, to file a petition asking for the annulment of a decree of divorce granted her eight years ago, was begun here today. Former Mayor Edward F. Dunne, who as judge of the circuit court granted the original decree to Mrs. Guggenheim in 1901, some months ago filed a petition as a friend of the court charging that the decree was obtained by fraud, Mrs. Guggenwas obtained by fraud, Mrs. Guggenheim not being a resident of Chicago. Investigation of the charges was ordered by the court and today's action is the first in the case.

African Diamond Jubilee Fund Grow-

Buqalo, N. Y., Dec. 6.—Bishop Hartzell announced today that the Buffalo Methodist churches have contributed \$17,000 toward the Africa diamond jubile fund of \$300,000, which commemorates 75 years of Methodist missions in Africa. "We now have about \$290,000 pledged," said Bishop Hartzell, "and I expect to report to President Taft, when he apeaks at the concluding rally in Carnegie hall, New York, next Monday night, that we have the full sanages."

Condensed Telegrams

Senator Piles of Washington eays his six year term in the senate has cost him \$600,000.

The New Torpedo Boat Destroyer Lawson sailed from the Delaware breakwater for its final test.

The British Freight Steamer Strath-clyde, which sailed from Barry Oct. 30 for Hampton Roads, is missing.

Budapest University Has Offered the chair of experimental blology to Prof. Jacques Loeb of California university. A Protest Against the Attack made

upon the Congo administration has been received by the Belgian govern-

The French Minister of Justice has begun action against a priest at Gre-noble for placing a communal school under an interdict. President Taft Issued an Executive order providing for examination for admission to the diplomatic service and promotion for efficiency.

There Will Be 600 Southerners or sons of the south at the twenty-fourth annual banquet of the Southern society in New York Wednesday.

Prof. Walter Wilcox of Cornell, au-thority on sociology, avers that the in-crease in divorce need not necessarily mean an increase in immorality.

Examiner Douglas of the general land office reported the discovery of a prehistoric Pueblo cliff ruln near the head of Indiana creek, in Arizona. The Chinese Government has pro-

tested to the powers against Russia's claims to the right of administration over the Manchurian railway zone. Commissioner of Corporations Smith submitted a report denouncing dealings in cotton as pure gambling and con-demning the methods of the New York cotton exchange.

The United States Scout Cruiser Salem sailed from Boston for a cruise through tropic seas and Arctic ice fioce for a thorough test of wireless telegra-phy under all conditions.

Baron Sidney Sannino, who was pre-mier in 1996, has been semi-officially entrusted with the formation of a new Italian cabinet, the Giolitti cabinet having resigned Thursday.

The United States Fish Commission has warned the Passale Valley sewer commission that the emptying of sewage into the lower harbor of New York will have a bad effect upon oysters.

SUED FOR \$1,000,000. Prince Miguel of Braganza Didn't Keep His Promise.

Budapest, Dec. 5.—According to the newspaper Hirlap, a syndicate of creditors is suing Prince Miguel of Braganza, who married Miss Anita Stewart of New York, at Tuilock castle, Dingwall, Scotland, September 15 last, for \$1,000,000.

Some years ago, the paper says, Prince Miguel was in financial difficul-ties and the syndicate advanced him a large sum payable when he should a large sum payable when he should make a rich marriage. The claim is set up that following negotiations which resulted in his marriage to Miss Anita Stewart, the prince promised to recoup the syndicate with one-fifth of the dowry, which was \$5,000,000, Now Prince Miguel declines to pay anything beyond the amount borrowed.

PROPOSAL FROM MILL OFFICIALS To Ludlow Strikers to Return Pendin

Ludlow, Mass., Dec. 6.-A proposal from the officials of the bagging mills of the Ludlow Manufacturing asso-ciates that the strikers return to work at the rate of twenty cents a roll pend-ing arbitration will be submitted to-morrow through the state board of conciliation and arbitration, according to a member of the strike committee tonight. The committee expects to tonight. The committee expects to present the proposition to the strikers at a mass meeting. The strike started after the rate was reduced from 25 could be 24 and then to 20 cents a

A committee of the strikers called upon Mayor Sanderson of Springfield today and appealed to him to use his influence to prevent further evictions.

GROUNDING OF THE PRAIRIE. Pilot in Charge Assumes All the Re sponsibility.

Philadelphia, Dec. 6.—F. M. Lubker, who was the pilot in charge of the United States transport Prairie when she ran aground last Thursday near Delaware City, made his first public statement today. He refused to say whether or not the lights at that point were properly lighted, but said: "I feel that I am responsible for the grounding of the Prairie. Captain Kellogg, commander of the Prairie, is in no way to blame."

in no way to blame. Lubker has been a pilot on the riv-er for twenty years and bears an ex-cellent reputation.

PEACE TALK IS ROT Says Gen. Leenard Wood-We Must Increase the National Guard.

New York, Dec. 6 .- "There is a deal of rot in all this peace talk," Gen. Leonard Wood told the members of the St. Nicholas society at their annual banquet tonight. "We don't need to be a warlike nation, but we want to be

he a warrists nation, but we want to be ready." he continued.

"The Atlantic seaboard is not well guarded. We cannot increase the regular army in time of peace, and it is imperative, therefore, to increase the national guard if you wish to protect our coasts adequately."

Leopardess Attacked Three Park Em-

Newton, Mass., Dec. 6—A leopardess clonging to the menageric at Norumbelonging to the menageric at Norumbega park, a pleasure resort at Auburndale, objected today to being led from one cage to another, and attacked three of the park employes. Dashing into the open door of the cage, inside of which were the three men, the leopardess gave them a ferocious battle which was ended only when the animal was shot dead by the manager of the park. The men attacked were not seriously injured, although their clothing was torn into ribbons and they were somewhat lacerated and scratched.

Old Railroad Merger Question May Be Reopened.

Reopened.

Boston, Dec. 6.—A proposition for state ownership for the Boston Holding company, and through it the control of the Boston and Maine railroad, was filed today by Herbert F. Keith of Washington, D. C., with the secretary of state, in the form of a petition to the incoming legislature. The plan will have to be discussed by the committee on railroads of the logislature, and it is thought that the old merger question between the Boston and Maine and the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad may be reopened.

Gasoline Bills Stop"Joy Ride"

TOUR OF THE NORTHERN STATES SUDDENLY ENDS.

TWO BOYS STOLE AUTOMOBILE

In Detroit, at Cleveland Where the Machine Was Offered for Sale for \$100, They Were Looked Up.

Cleveland, Dec. 6.—Two Detroit boys, describing themselves as Fenimore Blake, aged 17, son of a Michigan furrier, and Leon Watzon, aged 16, elevator conductor, brought an automobile tour of the northern states to a close today and are now locked up. The excuse given by the pelice for the arrest is that the motor car does not belong to them and its borrowing was surreptious.

Ran Short of Funds.

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According to Patrolman Lavelle, the machine, belonging to a total stranger, was removed from Detroit last Friday. The voung men Lavelle said, planned an extensive trip, and did run down through Toledo and over to Cleveland. Gasoline bills, however, are alleged to have eaten up their resources and today they were arrested at a garage, where the policeman says they offered the car for sale at \$100.

NO GLOOMY CHRISTMAS BECAUSE OF LATE FREIGHT.

Statement by General Managers of the Northwestern Railroads.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The general managers' association of the northwestern railroads, on which there is a strike of switchmen, issued a statement tonight declaring that there would be "gloomy Christmas" for anyone cause of inability of the roads to liver Christmas freight.

"At the close of the sixth day of switchmen's strike," reads the general managers' statement, "we have shown any caprehensive of any controversy is dealing with other organizations, and the labor leaders themselves to be med in the future undoubtedly have the same attitude towards the railroads.

"The time is at an end when labor organizations pursuing fair and business-like methods cannot sit side by side with the hugher officers of the railroads and discuss in common their differences."

differences.

The railroad managers' conference committee is now obtaining necessary authority from the railroad lines involved to meet a committee from the Switchmen's union.

MISS DOHERTY'S BODY

FOUND IN A CISTERN. Carefully Planned Sulcide of a Minister's Daughter. Fishkill Landing, N. T., Dec. 6.—Miss Doherty, who was the daughter of the Rev. William H. Doherty, wandered away from the care of her friends yesterday morning. It was known that she had been forced to abandon her studies at Vassar because of mental strain due to overwork, and from the moment her absence was noted there was the greatest anviety for her safety.

The all night and day search came to a sad end when a railroad detective found the lifeless body of the girl in six feet of water at the bottom of the cistern. Apearances indicated a carefully planned suicide. The cover of the cistern was in its usual position. It seems that she raised it on edge, allowing it to fall back into place over her as she jumped to death below. There were no evidences of foul play.

NO REDUCTION OF WAGES IN FALL RIVER COTTON MILLS

Announcement Last Night by the Manufacturers' Association. Fail River, Mass., Dec. 6.—There will be no reduction in the wages paid the operatives in Fail River cotton raills during the next six months. This was announced touight by the manufacturers' association, following a conference with the textile union representatives, at which the manufacturers waived their rights to out wages. Under the provisions of the sliding scale agreement the manufacturers were entitled to reduce wages 5 per cent, on account of the decrease of the margin between the existing price of cotten and that of the finished product.

This is the third consecutive time the manufacturers have waived their rights to reduce wages under this agreement.

Miss Engberg Probably Committed

Suicide. Pittsburg, Kas., Dec. 6.—Evidence brought out at the coroner's inquest here today indicated that Miss Goldie Engberg, who was found dring on the front porch of her home here Saturday, and was supposed to have been murdered, probably committed suicide. Mrs. Blasor, a neighbor, testified today that Miss Engberg told her only a few days before her death that she did not care to live. "that there was not much

care to live, "that there was not m Disorder Among Strikers at

Bridgeport Tin Plate Company. Bridgeport The Plate Company.

Bridgeport, Ohio, Dec. 6.—Orders reached here tonight for the removal of half of the militia from the strike zone. Six hundred soldiers will leave for their homes, leaving half that number to guard the property of the tin plate company. Today passed off without a sign of disorder among the strikers and their friends. It is believed that further rioting or blocklieved that further rioting or blood-

Bridgeport Man Found Dead in New London.

New London, Conn., Dec. 5.—Frederick Beach of Bridgeport was found dead in bed in a room at No. 42 Meridian street here tonight. Death was probably due to heart disease nad had taken place at least twelve hours before the discovery of the body. Beach was 50 years old and leaves a son and deaves.

Democrats Carry Rockville.

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 6.—The democrats elected the entire city ticke: at the election here today, George Foster being re-elected mayor over his republican opponent by 469 votes. The council stands ten democrats to two republicans.

Steamship Arrivals.

At Naples, Dec. 4: Perguia, from New York: Oceania (new), from New York. At Genoa, Dec. 4: Prinse